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HANNAH L. BLUMENSTIEL
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re:) Case No. 19-31024 HLB
)
RICHARD TOM,) Chapter 7
)
Debtor.)
)
MARK NG, KENDALL NG, and)
LORAIN WONG,) Adv. Proc. No. 19-3065 HLB
)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
)
RICHARD TOM,)
)
Defendant.)
)

ORDER STRIKING NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION

On May 24, 2022, attorney Jeffrey B. Neustadt substituted into this proceeding as counsel for Defendant Richard Tom.¹ Just a week later, on June 2, 2022, Mr. Neustadt purported to remove himself as Mr. Tom's counsel by filing another notice of substitution.²

B.L.R. 1001-2 renders Civil L.R. 11-5 applicable in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings pending in this court.

¹ Dkt. 97.

² Dkt. 100 (the "June 2 Notice of Substitution").

1 Civil L.R. 11-5(a) states: "Counsel may not withdraw from an
2 action until relieved by order of the court after written notice
3 has been provided, reasonably in advance, to the client and to
4 all other parties who have appeared in the case." The June 2
5 Notice of Substitution violates Civil L.R. 11-5(a).

6 Accordingly, the court **ORDERS** as follows:

7 **1.** The June 2 Notice of Substitution is hereby **STRICKEN**.

8 **2.** Attorney Jeffrey B. Neustadt shall remain Mr. Tom's
9 counsel of record in this action unless and until this court
10 enters an order permitting his withdrawal.

11 ****END OF ORDER****

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